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FOR SOBER FROM AMBASSADOR PORTER

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: USSAEC SA  
SUBJECT: COORDINATION AND/OR APPROVAL JOINT COMMISSION PROJECTS  
WITH EMBASSY JIDDA

REF: A. OSAA 241, B. USREP 266, C. USREP 328,  
D. USREP 288

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER WILL RECALL FROM MY CONVERSATION, AND HIS TALKS WITH OTHER EMBOFFS, OF HIS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF THE EMBASSY COULD "GET IN EARLY ON" IN THE FORMATION OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IN A VERY REAL PRACTICAL SENSE, IT VERY OFTEN IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DO SO AS THE REFTELS REFLECT.

2. THE REFERENCED MESSAGES ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF OPERATING PROCEDURES BETWEEN USREP AT RIYADH AND OSAA IN TREASURY, UTILIZING THEIR DIRECT TELEX. WHILE THE EMBASSY APPARENTLY DOES RECEIVE DROP COPIES OF THEIR CORRESPONDENCE, IN POINT OF FACT A PROJECT MAY HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT STAGE BEFORE THE EMBASSY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE A VIEWPOINT WERE OUR COMMENT IN ORDER OR REQUIRED.

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3. YOU WILL NOTE THAT OSAA 241 INVOLVES CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT WHICH WE WERE TOTALLY UNAWARE UNTIL WE SAW REFTEL A. IN THIS INSTANCE, I HAVE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO DIRECTOR/USREP THAT IF THERE IS TO BE ANY USG INVOLVEMENT, APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATION TO THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION WILL HAVE TO BE SENT BY THE AMBASSADOR.

4. IN THE CASE OF REFTEL C, THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND HAND CARRIED BY INTERESTED PERSONS, APPARENTLY WITHOUT FURTHER REFERENCE.

5. REFTEL D IS ILLUSTRATIVE OF HOW TO LOSE CAREFULLY NUTURED EMBASSY CONTACTS IN CIVIL AVIATION THROUGH THE MUDDYING UP OF EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE CHANNELS BY JECOR.

6. I WOULD POINT OUT THAT THERE IS A MEMORANDUM DATED NOVEMBER 10, 1975 WHICH PURPORTS TO LAY OUT PROCEDURES FOR PROJECT APPROVAL. WE ARE TAKING STEPS TO INSURE MORE REGULAR, THOROUGH EMBASSY PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSALS REACHING JECOR RIYADH, AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ASSURING SIMILAR COOPERATION FROM OSAA.  
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